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Mr. Wendell Smith, Sports Editor
Pittsburgh Courier
2628 Centre Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:

As President of the Negro American League, I challenge the contents of your article which appeared in your column of the Pittsburgh Courier issue of October 12, 1946. The article reads in part as follows:

"A clique of owners of the Negro American and Negro National Leagues are working hard behind closed doors to reach an agreement with big league clubs not to take any more Negro players. If successful, it means that no more Negro players will be signed in organized baseball."

I urge that you clarify your statement to the public, to the extent of giving the name or names of the members of the Negro American League who are parties of such a clique. The public as well as myself would appreciate being informed of such matters in this case.

Yours very truly,

Dr. J. B. Martin, President
Negro American League